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25 YEAR RE-REVIEW

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Dear Bobby:

Your keen interest in the review of NSCIDs is greatly appreciated. As you know, the first stage in this exercise has been a review of the individual NSCIDs and their tentative approval by the Intelligence Advisory Committee. To date tentative approval has been given to the following NSCIDs:

- No. 1 -- Duties and Responsibilities
- No. 2 -- Coordination of Collection Activities Abroad
- No. 3 -- Coordination of Intelligence Production
- No. 4 -- National Intelligence Objectives
- No. 6 -- Foreign Radio and Television Monitoring
- No. 8 -- Biographic Data on Foreign Scientific and Technical Personalities

It has been tentatively agreed that the provisions of the following NSCIDs have been provided for in the revised provisions of NSCIDs Nos. 1, 2 and 3 and therefore they can be eliminated:

- No. 10 -- Collection of Foreign Scientific and Technical Data
- No. 11 -- Security of Information on Intelligence Sources and Methods
- No. 12 -- Avoidance of Publicity Concerning the Intelligence Agencies of the U. S. Government
- No. 15 -- Coordination and Production of Foreign Economic Intelligence

The following NSCIDs are still under review at the working level in the Intelligence Community:

- No. 5 -- Espionage and Counterespionage Operations
- No. 7 -- Domestic Exploitation

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- No. 16 -- Foreign Language Publications
  - No. 17 -- Electronic Intelligence

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The final stage of this exercise will be an over-all review of the whole package of NSCIDs. It is my feeling that this stage of the review will indicate numerous opportunities for consolidation of some NSCIDs so that we will have a fewer number of these basic documents. In addition, many of the NSCIDs now contain many provisions which relate to detailed procedures which could be more properly provided for in DCIDs - the net result being to confine the NSCIDs to the assignment by the NSC of basic authority and responsibilities.

I am taking appropriate steps to expedite our review of NSCIDs so that we will be in a position to present them to the NSC by January, 1958.

Sincerely,

Signed

Allen W. Dulles  
Director

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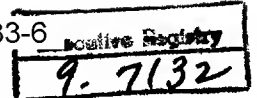
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The Honorable Robert Cutler/  
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September 18, 1957

Dear Allen:

I understand that it has been necessary again to extend the date for completion of the review of the NSCID's. While I am aware that such a review is at best a time-consuming and difficult process, I very much hope that the task can be completed not later than early January. As you know, this undertaking is of very great interest to the President and Council, and I would appreciate any steps you feel able to take in order to expedite the review.

Sincerely yours,

ROBERT CUTLER  
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to the President

The Honorable  
Allen W. Dulles  
Director of Central Intelligence  
Washington, D.C.